
Finding Opportunities in Uncertain Times

Virginia Housing Commission
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Our Mission



DHCD's mission remains the same —

*work in in partnership to make Virginia's
communities safe, affordable, and prosperous places
in which to live, work and do business*

— but the economic and policy environments
remain challenging.

Accomplishing Our Mission



Support Affordable Housing Options

Build Viable Communities

Create and Sustain a Safer Built Environment

Assist Local and Regional Entities

Participate in Critical Studies

Affordable Housing



- Continue to oversee federally-funded housing and homeless programs amid shifting federal priorities
- Meet remaining commitments for stimulus-funded housing activities
- Revisions to Livable Homes Tax Credit (HB1950)
- Launch of Communities for Opportunity affordable rental tax credits

Homeless Programs



- State housing policy recommends more effective approaches to preventing and overcoming homelessness
- Greater emphasis on rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing
- Launch of Homeless Services Coordinating Council to improve state agency coordination

Building Viable Communities



- Continued oversight of federally-funded community development programs
- Enhanced state funding for Main Street and Enterprise Zone grants
- *Program Changes*
 - Modified Enterprise Zone Job Credit application requirements (HB 1599, SB 1348)
 - Joint Enterprise Zone redesignation process (HB2131, SB 770)
- New funding for industrial site revitalization

A Safer Built Environment



- Updated Building Regulations
 - 2009 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) and related regulations are now in effect.
- Defective Drywall
 - Consideration of a remediation protocol for homes and structures containing defective drywall

Participating in Critical Studies



- Housing Policy Framework for Virginia
- Homelessness Policy
- Access Routes to Public and Private Buildings (HJ648)

